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((EDITORIAL REPORT)) MOSCOW IZVESTIYA IN RUSSIAN 17 SEPTEMBER
MORNING EDITION CARRIES ON PAGE 3 A 2,000-WORD REPORT BY OWN
CORRESPONDENT N. BAKLANOV FROM THE RED BANNER KIEV MILITARY DISTRICT
UNDER THE RUBRIC "LIFE OF THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES" AND THE HEADING
"TRUE BROTHER OF MARESYEV" DESCRIBING HOW CAPTAIN VALERIY GRINCHAK,
LEADER OF A RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY IN AN UNSPECIFIED MOUNTAIN
REGION OF AFGHANISTAN, LOST BOTH LEGS AS A RESULT OF TREADING ON A
MINE WHILE TRACKING AFGHAN REBELS. THE REPORT, WHICH STATES THAT
DURING A PREVIOUS OPERATION "THE SCOUTS HAD DISCOVERED IN THE
DUSHMANS' BUNDLES MINES OF ITALIAN PRODUCTION WHILE SUBMACHINE
GUNS WITH CHINESE LABELS AND BRITISH CARBINES LAY NEARBY,"
GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF HOW GRINCHAK, DESPITE HIS DISABILITY, IS STILL
IN THE ARMED FORCES, WORKING AT THE KIEV HIGHER COMBINED ARMS
COMMAND SCHOOL, AND NOTES THAT HE HAS BEEN AWARDED THE TITLE OF
HERO OF THE SOVIET UNION.
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